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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

(x) one month () three months
() two months () four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$110.00.

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Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application.

A verified small entity statement:

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Also enclosed is a:

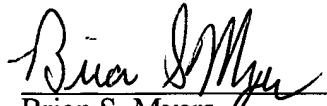
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